

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

December 13, 2004

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Shaun Hayes, Member
Amy Hughes, Member

Others Present:

Barton Roberson, DC
Jenny Parks, Admin. Assist.
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Bob Abell, Soil Con. Tech.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Parks reported that Mike Walker, Mayor of Seagrove will not be in attendance. Staff will reschedule him for a later Board Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

November 8, 2004 minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes as corrected.

Parks presented the Treasurer's Report. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- The RC&D Committee is currently working on their annual meeting. It will be held in Blowing Rock in August 2005. More information will follow.
- The RC&D Council's new members training will be held at Carolina Beach January 27-28, 2005.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Roberson reported that EQIP has been transferred from FSA to NRCS. Staff is currently working on payments to producers within the EQIP program.
- Roberson reported that from the CRP sign-up, two producers were accepted into the program: Paul Lee and James Scott. Roberson presented their conservation plans and the board acted as follows:

- Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve conservation plans for Paul Lee.

- Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve conservation plans and the contract support document for James Scott.

- Roberson reported that Thomas will be attending the NCASWCD Annual Meeting for training purposes.

Roberson gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Staff continues to accept applications towards the NCACSP.
- Information was presented to the board regarding other November Commission Actions involving NCACSP – elimination of annual and lifetime payment caps and interim policy on mortality incinerators. Also the Soil and Water Commission approved a November allocation for Randolph SWCD of \$3,780, bringing the total received for 2005 to \$73,448.
- Discussion was had regarding recertifying New and Beginning Farmers. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to add an addition to the NCACSP application process that based on current information regarding new and beginning farmers, that producers understand that they will be recertified at time of contract to become eligible for additional cost share under the New and Beginning Farmer criteria.

Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to move the Community Conservation items to the January 7, 2005 Board Meeting.

Information was shared with the board regarding the Phil Ridge Farm receiving a letter from DWQ regarding “Assessment of Civil Penalties for Making an Outlet to Waters of the State Without a Permit”.

Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to pay the NACD 2005 Quota minimum payment of \$775.

Parks reported that Whitaker has been registered to attend the January 24, 2005 workshop on Wetlands Agreements. Under the agreement, designated districts can be compensated for identifying and screening potential stream or wetland restoration sites. District must be designated by the Division to participate in the agreement – to be designated; districts must participate in one of the workshops.

The Annual Meeting information was discussed. The following persons will attend the designated standing committees:

Education Committee -	Amy Hughes
District Operations -	Craig Frazier
Legislative -	Bill Alston
RC&D and Land Resources -	Barton Roberson
Water Resources -	Jenny Parks
Natural Environment -	Kelly Whitaker
Research & Technology -	Danielle Thomas
Finance -	None assigned

The County Commissioner’s Luncheon during the Annual Meeting was discussed. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously for the District to pay \$20 for each of those County Commissioners and County Manger that planned on attending the luncheon. All of the Commissioners and Frank Willis, the County Manager will be invited to the Tuesday morning session and luncheon during the Annual Meeting.

Information from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation was presented. No action was taken on this item.

Roberson gave a brief report on new office space – nothing official at this time. Frazier will be contacting Frank Willis, County Manager regarding the county's action on renting new office space. More information will follow.

Parks reported that the Nutrient Management/PLAT Meeting will be held Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at AVS Banquet Centre in Asheboro. The District is sponsoring this event with reimbursement from the North Carolina Soil and Water Foundation. The initial grant came from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Frazier opened nominations for officers on the board. Actions were as follows:

- Canoy moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to nominate Frazier as Chairman.
- Canoy moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to nominate Alston as Vice-Chairman.
- Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to nominate Canoy as Secretary.
- Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to nominate Hughes as Treasurer.

Frazier moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to close nominations. Hayes moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to accept the slate of officer presented as follow:

Chairman – Craig Frazier
Vice-Chairman - Bill Alston
Secretary – Richard Canoy
Treasurer – Amy Hughes

The following consent items were approved:

- December, and January Calendars
- Employee Weekly Logs
- eNotes (11/9/04, 11/16/04, 11/23/04, 11/30/04, 12/7/04)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be January 7, 2005 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building
241 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203